AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 3 line 20 as follows:

The operation of a typical text entry dialog box is illustrated in greater detail in ~~FIGURE 2~~ FIGURES 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), and 2(d). The user is initially presented with a blank entry line 40 as shown in FIGURE ~~1(a)~~ 2(a). In order to type text, the user first focuses on the entry line such as by pointing to the line and clicking or the like, and thereafter types the data 42 via the keyboard as shown in FIGURE ~~1(b)~~ 2(b). Next, the user defocuses to enter the text 42 as shown in FIGURE ~~1(c)~~ 2(c). Typically, an insert location marker or cursor 44 is shown while the entry line is focused and data is being entered. The cursor marks where the next character will be typed. The cursor typically disappears when the user defocuses from the entry line, as shown in FIGURE ~~1(c)~~ 2(c). If the user later wishes to enter a different text, the entry line 40 must be refocused as shown in FIGURE ~~1(d)~~ 2(d). Refocusing brings back the cursor 44, typically positioned at the end of the previously entered text 42. In order to enter new text the previously entered text must be deleted, usually through the use of the keyboard "DELETE" or "BACKSPACE" key, and then the new data is typed and the entry line defocused.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5 line 6 as follows:

This prior art combination box solution is unsatisfactory because it is often confusing to the user. As illustrated in FIGURE 3(a), the user initially encounters the combination box. The unedited box 50 consists of a blank line or space 52 and a dropdown selection button or arrow 54. To the user, this box appears identical to the unedited "State of Residence" list box 18 shown in FIGURE 1, and is therefore likely to be interpreted by the user as a list dialog box rather than as a text entry dialog box. This is because in a conventional GUI interface, the user typically associates an isolated blank line or space with a free-form text entry dialog box, while a box with a drop-down arrow or selection button is associated with a list box containing a list of available selections. In the case of the prior art drop-down combination box 50, the user is initially presented with an unfamiliar

dialog box which shows a blank space coupled with a drop-down arrow button ~~50~~ <u>54</u>. This box is confusing because it looks like a drop-down list box, but does not function like a drop-down list box.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 11 line 3 as follows:

In order to enter text, the user focuses on the entry line **64** and types text ~~66~~ <u>**67**</u> via an associated keyboard (not shown) as shown in FIGURE 4(b). The typing position is indicated in the conventional manner by cursor ~~68~~ <u>**69**</u>. It will again be recognized that at this stage the improved text entry dialog box still appears and behaves identically to the prior art dialog box as shown in FIGURE 2(b). However, when the user defocuses to thereby register the entered text, either by focusing elsewhere, or by pressing the ENTER key on the associated keyboard or the like, the improved text entry box behaves differently from the prior art text entry box, as seen by comparing FIGURE 4(c) with prior art FIGURE 2(c). The cursor disappears upon defocusing in both cases. In the case of the improved dialog box, however, a drop-down selection button **70** additionally appears as shown in FIGURE 4(c). The drop-down selection button is absent in the prior art text entry box shown in FIGURE 2(c) since previous text entries cannot be recalled in the prior art text entry dialog box.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 12 line 9 as follows:

With continuing reference to FIGURES 4(a)-4(d), it will be recognized that the invention may alternatively be viewed as an improved prior art list box, wherein the text line **64** is editable and the visibility of the drop-down selection arrow **70** is conditional upon the selection list **72** containing at least one entry. Preferably, the selection list **72** is initially empty and therefore inaccessible due to the invisibility of the drop-down selection arrow, and as text entries ~~66~~ <u>**67**</u> are made in the editable text line **64** these entries are added to the selection list **72**, whereupon the drop-down selection arrow **70** becomes visible to enable recall of these previous editable text line entries.